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stories ever heard in night here. Dekalb county has been brought to light here. The facts are about as follows: Tuesday night a young man, while returning from a neighborhood dance about 1 o'clock, took the lonely road for home, which runs through a dark woodland, surrounded by deep valleys and lofty peaks, and covering with huge cliffs, with summits are crowned with gigantic pine. Not a clearing disrupts the thickness of the woodland, save one solitary spot almost over-

grown with vines and ivy, where stands mouldering an old stone building, with decayed and ruined walls and lofty towers, all empty, deserted, and now, resembling greatly the old haunted Kirk Alloway, so famous in "Tam O'Shanter."

All these scenes combined could not daunt the courage of the young mountaineer as he marched on with quickening pace. But just as he was approaching the old haunted building, which has for many years been frequented

the ghost's appearance, a mysterious and deadly power was said to be in the air. The legend is that, on Tuesday, July 10, 1896, a man in a dark suit and top hat appeared in the vaults of this old building, which was anciently used by a band of evil monks, and thought to have been built by them at least a century ago, and which has for many years been hidden from public notice, and is now used as a place for storing the bones of the dead. The man, suddenly rising from the ground, like the ghost of Hamper, appeared before him a tall, dark apparition with outstretched hands.

and glowing eyes revolving in their fiery sockets, and tangled gray hair, wearing a loose black robe descending from the shoulders to the feet.

"The good animal, motions and dumb. This scene lasted but for a moment. The ghost, as suddenly as it appeared, disappeared. Recognizing his situation he lay immediately under a forward double lock at an almost incredible rate. Glancing over his shoulder he saw the old nomenclature lighted by

station, where they were in their religious attire, as they treaded noiselessly around an iron coffin in the center of the floor. Upon the coffin were two candles, one upon the head, the other upon the foot. Each monk carried a cross of his order and they were chanting an old English tune. Upon the head of the coffin was a golden cross, and as each monk passed the cross he made a low bow and uttered some words of prayer. Suddenly all was dark and the

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